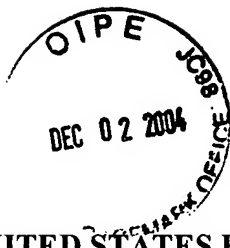


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Docket No.: 57454-980

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of | : | Customer Number: 20277 |
| Koji YAMADA | : | Confirmation Number: 9405 |
| Application No.: 10/671,574 | : | Group Art Unit: 2834 |
| Filed: September 29, 2003 | : | Examiner: Dang D. Le |

For: MAGNETIC BEARING DEVICE STABLY CARRYING A ROTARY SHAFT,
PROGRAM FOR EXECUTING A COMPUTER TO CONTROL THE MAGNETIC BEARING
STABLY CARRYING THE ROTARY SHAFT AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORD
MEDIUM STORING THE PROGRAM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of November 4, 2004 wherein restriction has been required,
Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-13) for prosecution in the above-identified
application.

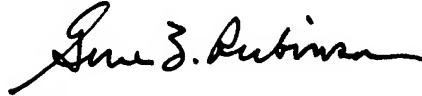
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby
made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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